

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Roland Kreutzer, et al.

Title: METHOD AND MEDICAMENT FOR INHIBITING THE EXPRESSION OF A DEFINED GENE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
ATTN: BOX PCT
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Sir:

Please amend the application before its examination as follows. It is noted that during the International Phase new claims 1-125 were filed on April 4, 2001, in accordance with PCT Article 34. These claims 1-125 are the claims which are presently pending in this application. These claims 1-125 are now being amended.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Page 1, line 1 of the Amended Sheets, delete the headings "International Patent Application No. PCT/DE00-00244 of Dr Roland Kreutzer and Dr. Stefan Limmer" and "New Patent Claims" and insert therefore starting at the left hand margin --WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:--.

Please amend claims 3-7, 10-31, 34-38, 41-61, 65-80, 83-87, 90-110, 112-113, 116-118, and 121-125 to read as follows:

1 3. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, where the dsRNA is enclosed by natural
2 viral capsids or by chemically or enzymatically produced artificial capsids or structures
3 derived therefrom.